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Richard S. Schmidt

Bankruptcy Judge

Date of Birth: 1948
Education: New Mexico State 1970 BS; Texas 1973 JD
Began Service: July 31, 1987
Term Expires: July 30, 2015

Legal Practice: Partner, Smitherman, Lunn, Chastain & Hill (1978)

Military Service: United States Air Force (1973-1978); United States Air Force Reserve (1978-2005)

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Wesley W. Steen

Bankruptcy Judge

Date of Birth: 1946
Education: LSU 1974 JD
Began Service: September 26, 1997
Term Expires: September 25, 2011

Judicial: Bankruptcy Judge, United States District Court for the Middle District of Louisiana (1983-1987)

Legal Practice: Sanders, Downing, Kean & Cazdessus (1974-1980); Wesley W. Steen, A Professional Law Corporation (1980-1983); Steen, Rubin, Curry, Colvin & Joseph (1983-1984); Winstead, Sechrest & Minick, P.C. (1988-1997)

Military Service: United States Navy (1968-1971)

Current Memberships: American Bankruptcy Institute; American Bar Association; American College of Bankruptcy; College of the State Bar of Texas; Louisiana State Bar Association; State Bar of Texas

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Number of Vacancies: 1

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Fred Biery
Chief Judge

Date of Birth: 1947
Education: Texas Lutheran 1970 BA; Southern Methodist 1973 JD
Began Service: March 14, 1994
Appointed By: President William J. Clinton
Political Affiliation: Democrat

Judicial: Judge, Bexar County Court at Law (1979-1982); Judge, Texas District Court, 150th District (1983-1988); Justice, Texas Court of Appeals, Fourth District (1989-1994)

Legal Practice: Partner, Biery, Biery, Davis & Myers (1973-1978)

Military Service: United States Army Reserve, United States Department of the Army (1970-1976)

Current Memberships: American Bar Association; The William S. Sessions American Inn of Court, The American Inns of Court; San Antonio Bar Association; San Antonio Bar Foundation; State Bar of Texas; Texas Bar Foundation, State Bar of Texas

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Walter S. Smith, Jr.

District Judge

Date of Birth: 1940
Education: Baylor 1964 BA, 1966 JD
Began Service: October 6, 1984
Appointed By: President Ronald Reagan

Judicial: Judge, Texas District Court (1980-1983); Magistrate Judge, United States District Court for the Western District of Texas (1983-1984)

Legal Practice: Dunnam & Dunnam (1966-1969); Wallace & Smith (1969-1978); Haley, Fulbright (1978-1980)

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Sam Sparks

District Judge

Date of Birth: 1939
Education: Texas 1961 BA, 1963 LLB
Began Service: December 7, 1991
Appointed By: President George H.W. Bush

Clerkships: Law Clerk, Chambers of District Judge Homer Thornberry, United States District Court for the Western District of Texas (1964-1965)

Government: Aide (D-TX), Office of Representative W. Homer Thornberry, United States House of Representatives (1963-1964)

Legal Practice: Associate Partner, Hardie, Grambling, Sims & Galatzan (1965)

Current Memberships: American Board of Trial Advocates; American College of Trial Lawyers; State Bar of Texas; Texas Bar Foundation, State Bar of Texas

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Orlando L. Garcia

District Judge

Date of Birth: 1952
Education: Texas 1975 BA, 1978 JD
Began Service: 1994
Appointed By: President William J. Clinton

Government: Legislative Aide, United States House of Representatives (1974-1983); State Representative Orlando Luis Garcia (R-TX), Texas House of Representatives (1983-1991)

Judicial: Judge, Texas Court of Appeals, Fourth District (1991-1994)

Legal Practice: Associate, Law Office of Matt Garcia (1978-1985); Associate, Heard, Goggan, Blair & Williams (1985-1990)

Current Memberships: San Antonio Bar Association; State Bar of Texas; Texas Bar Foundation, State Bar of Texas

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